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(57) Abstract

The present invention provides systems and methods for providing television schedule information to a viewer, and for allowing the viewer to link, search, select and interact with information in a remote database, e.g., a database on the internet. The television schedule information can be displayed on a variety of viewer interfaces, such as television screens (32), computer monitors (10), PCTV screens (362) and the like. The television schedule information may be stored on the viewer's computer (10), television (32), PCTV (362), or a remote server (350), or the television schedule information may be downloaded from a remote database to the viewer's computer (10), television (32) or PCTV (362).

